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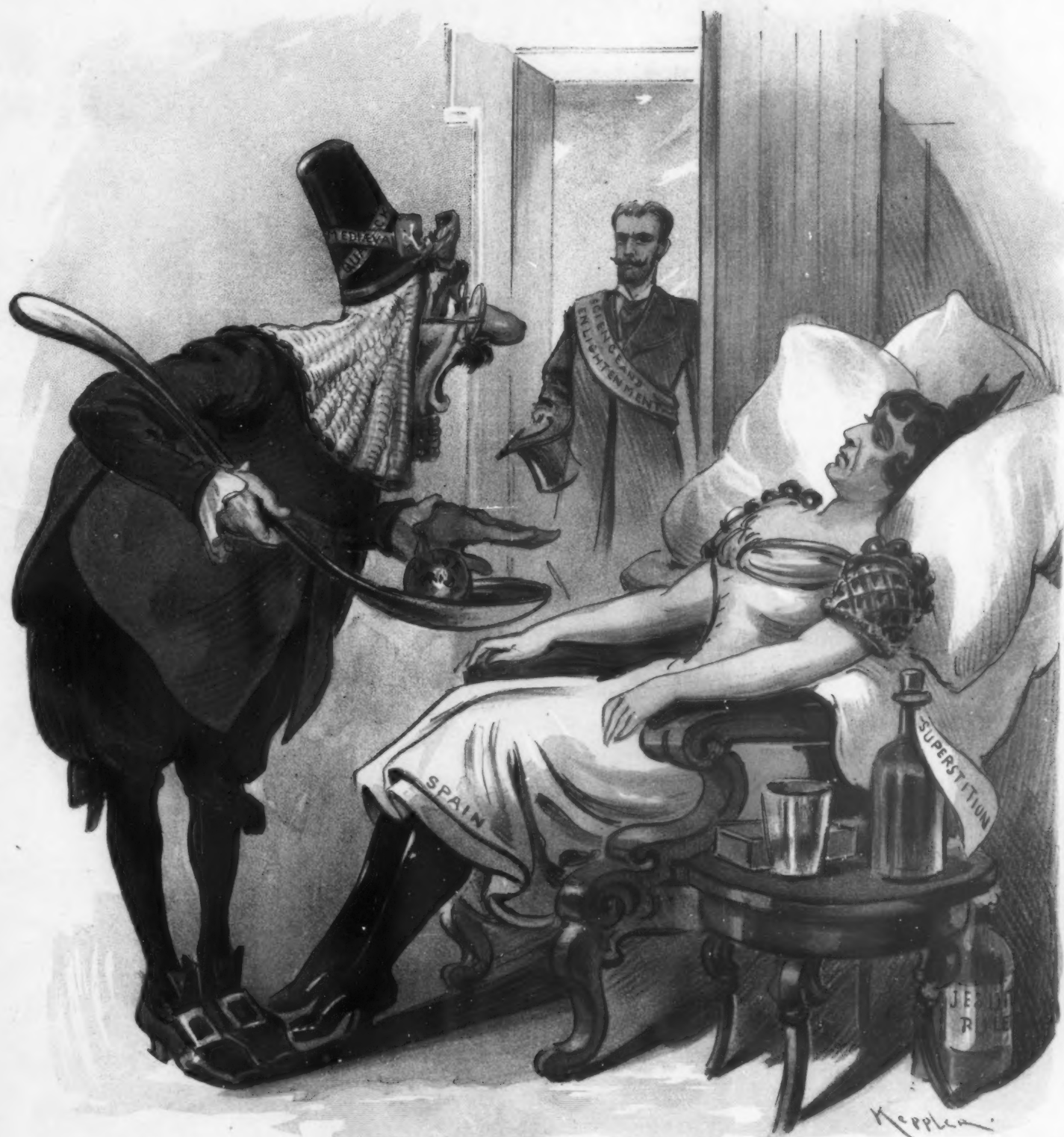
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A CHANGE OF DOCTORS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL SAVE HER.



AN UNHAPPY METAPHOR.

"What is that French officer so excited and angry about?"

"Some one, intending to be complimentary, spoke of him as having forged his way to the front."

DOOMED.

"So, Dewey has sent two ships to China!"

"Well, he won't escape this time."

"Escape what?"

"The editors. They'll have plenty of time to tell him just what to do."

OFTEN DONE.

"What is investigation, Uncle Rodney?"

"Investigation? Why, it is hunting up a lot of blame and fixing it on somebody else."

REVISED.

"As I was saying," said the first man, "in all this country, from Maine to California—"

"Excuse me," interrupted the second man; "you mean from Maine to Manila."

HANDICAPPED FROM THE START.

FIRST SPANIARD.—That is a cowardly and contemptible ruse of the Yankee pigs.

SECOND SPANIARD.—It certainly is; but what is it?

FIRST SPANIARD.—Why, they threaten not to recognize us as belligerents in the event of our resuming hostilities.



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AN ALL-AROUND ARTICLE NEEDED.

SALESMAN.—Now, there's something very nice for evening wear.

UNCLE SILAS.—Mebbe so, but I can't go barefoot all day till evening. You jes' show me some shoes I kin put on about 4:30 a. m. an' wear right straight threw t' bedtime.

"LIFE," SAID the chronic cyclist, "is one long bicycle-ride; our misfortunes are punctures, and we live in the hope of seeing a punctureless tire invented."

IT TAKES tact to determine when advice is advisable.

THE WAGES of sin is death. The good die young. The question arises: Is the wages computed by the day or by the piece?

THE SWORD might as well be turned into a ploughshare, as, in the face of these quick-firing modern guns, the sword is n't of much account, anyhow.

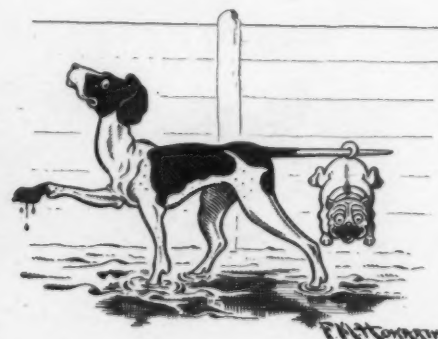
A HELPING HAND.



THE PUG.—Oh, my!—this is awful! I can't walk home through all this mud! My mistress will whip me!



THE POINTER.—Say, Puggy, I brought you out, and I'll see that you get home safe and clean. One minute!



"There! How is that for high and dry?"



NO EXCEPTIONS.

MISS NEWBUDD.—What is the proper thing to do when a man offers you an engagement ring?
MISS OLETIMER.—Why, accept it, of course,—ninny!

THE DERAILER OF TALES.

HERE are some men who hate to hear a story flow along smoothly to the end. They like to break its current by throwing huge boulders, in the way of senseless interruptions with insane questions. A really good raconteur is rendered helpless when one of these obstructors appears.

Mr. Raconteur starts:

"When the Duke of Montfort was here in 1878 he met Billy Florence for the first time—"

"Billy Florence—Florence," interrupts Mr. Obstructor; "I wonder where he got the name of Florence? Regular girl's name!"

Raconteur freezes him with a look and proceeds:

"Florence was a great practical joker and he determined to put up a job on the Duke with the aid of Ed Larrabee—"

"Larrabee, the biscuit man?" asks Obstructor.

"I don't know what the—Larrabee he was. That has n't anything to do with what I'm telling."

Obstructor is not offended, but he nods his head several times like a mandarin, and Raconteur goes on:

"He sent a messenger-boy to the hotel at which the Duke was stopping—"

"What hotel was it?" asks Obstructor with great interest.

"Any old hotel!—and the messenger

told the Duke to meet Florence at seven that evening at the St. James Hotel—"

"Ha, ha! the old St. James. Many a dinner I've eaten there."

"I wish one of 'em had choked you!" says Raconteur, losing his temper.

"Why?" asks Obstructor, for he is nothing if not dense.

"At seven, sharp, the Duke was there and found a group of Indians with tomahawks in their hands—"

"Indians from the Wild West, I suppose—"

"They fell upon the Duke, and, uttering a war whoop—"

"Where were the police?"

"Boys, I have an engagement uptown. If you want to hear this story I'll tell it when the rails are free of obstructions."

"Wonder why he did n't finish it?" says Obstructor.

Charles Battell Loomis.

A SIZABLE BIRD.

"How big is an eagle? I mean, when its wings are spread, how much will they measure from tip to tip?"

"Our American eagle?"

"Yes."

"Well, it must be thirteen or fourteen thousand miles from Porto Rico to the Philippines."

NATURE PUNISHES stupidity as severely as malice.

FORTUNATELY FOR himself, the man who knows it all does n't seem to know what other people think of him.



ONE OBJECTION.

MCLUBBERTY.—Oi 'd loike to take a trip around dthe worruld.

MRS. MCLUBBERTY.—Sure; that wud be foine!

MCLUBBERTY.—Yis; but t'ink av dthe cost av gittin' home ag'in!

EXERCISING THEIR PREROGATIVE.



IBYL scoffed at all the omens
Given credence Halloween:
(There is nothing in a name!)
Was she taken for the daughter
Of some yokel Verdant Green?
"Not the same!"
Balderdash! But, yes! Oh, yes! she 'd
Join the others in the fun,
And the oracles were strangely
In her favor, ev'ry one.
Love and riches, she should win them!—
Sibyl now sung very small:
Doubtless there was something in them,
After all!

Emily in no uncertain
Voice proclaimed her changeless faith
In All-Hallows horoscopes:
One may wrest the future's secrets
From the late October wraith
Ere she slopes.
Come! The time is now propitious
For the round of rites occult—
But each spell she cast gave Emmy
An unbearable result.
Him she loved would never choose her,
But another. She guessed not,
And the whole thing was (excuse her!)
Simply rot!

Edward W. Barnard.

THE WORM BREAKS RANKS AGAIN.

The deacon coughed and murmured apologetically to the newcomer in Lonelyville: "Yas; I thought I 'd kinder call. We 've been kinder wonderin' fer sum time who you wuz."
"Yes? Take a seat! Well, there is no great mystery about us. My wife and I originally came from New York. Plain, common people, you know, without frills or furbelows. Her father was just an ordinary, every-day pickpocket. Two of my sisters were hard-working shop-lifters. My father was an industrious counterfeiter and basement burglar. They were really clever people, but eternally getting into jail. I contrived to keep out of jail, and, finally, secured a good situation. By great tact, industry and perseverance, I managed to get my hands on ten thousand of the firm's money, with which my wife and I began housekeeping—in the Far West. Soon after this, a cousin of hers, a diamond broker, carrying his stock in trade worth sixty thousand, paid us a friendly visit. After a severe struggle, we managed to get him safely buried in the cellar. Is that chair uncomfortable? Try the rattan rocker. Then one of her sisters died, leaving three children, whom we adopted and heavily insured. We managed to dispose of them and collect the insurance without exciting suspicion. Poison I think it was, or smothering, I forget which. A very wealthy old gentleman in the neighborhood took a violent fancy to me. I finally induced him to make his will in my favor. We also had him insured for a large amount; without his knowledge, of course. We induced him to take a walk one day for his health; the walk was over a high cliff. We cleaned up eighty thousand on that little affair. I then established a bank, paying twelve per cent. interest, for widows and orphans chiefly.



WOULD N'T STAND TRIFLING.

MRS. FARMER WHIFFLETREE (*sighing*).—Only think! Josh Johnson has bin going with Sally Simpson for nigh fourteen years an' they hain't married yit!
MRS. FARMER SWAMPROOT (*indignantly*).—Yis! And Mister Josh Johnson wants to be plaguey careful and git a move on him or she 'll right up and *jilt* him! You can't trifle much with them Simpson gals, let me tell yew!

I got away with two hundred thousand in that deal. I was chased through seven States; but, by dividing with the prosecuting attorney, I escaped.

I am now engaged forming a limited stock company for the purpose of extracting aluminum from post holes. Would you like to take—going? Have a cigar? No? Well, good-day!"

The deacon jolted heavily down the steps and groped his way blindly to the gate, which he closed with an orthodox slam, and muttered hoarsely, heedless of his evangelical training: "Gol darn his pesky skin! Jest ez if I wanted ter know anything about his durned bizness."

John Drew.

THRICE ARMED is he who hath his quarrel just; but he should bear in mind that his arms are a trifle archaic.

THE EVIL that men do lives after them; the good they publish while they live.

IF A MAN owned the earth his life would be made miserable by people asking for repairs.

THE INGENIOUS AFRICAN DENTIST.



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CONSOLATORY.

MISS SHARPE.— Believe in vegetarianism? Why, I love good beef!
CHOLLY.— I wish I were beef, you know!
MISS SHARPE.— Never mind! You'll grow!

GRANTED!

HE SAT across the car from me,
As fair and sweet a maiden
As fondest dream could hope to see —
A tailor gown arrayed in;
And I — I gazed as tho' bereft
Of sense, until she darted
A flashing shaft at me, and left
Me dazed and bleeding-hearted.

"Cupid!" cried I; "were e'er such charms?
The world I'd give to win it, —
The joy of holding in my arms
'That form one blessed minute!'"
She rose to go; the speeding car,
As tho' it were enchanted,
Stood still! Thanks, Cupid, for that jar! —
My plea was quickly granted!

Richard Stillman Powell.

AN EASY QUESTION.

TEACHER.— Why did the Normans and Saxons fight at Hastings?
PUPIL.— That's where they happened to meet, Ma'am.

HIS QUALIFICATION.

"Is your candidate for this high office a man whose statesmanship has been proved by years of experience in positions of trust and responsibility?"

(Doubtfully.) "I dunno."

"Possibly a reformer, some grand old Christian whose life has been tested in the crucible of affliction — his whole being on fire with the grandeur of moral ideas?"

"Mebbe, mebbe."

"A man of charming personality?"

"Not exactly."

"Graceful wit?"

"No."

"A lion in debate?"

"No, no!"

"Then to what influence —"

"That's it, pard; you've struck it at last — he's got infloence!"

NO THEMES.

"I found a tribe in Africa," said the explorer, "that had absolutely no idea of morality or immorality."

"That's interesting," said the mild lunatic; "but what did they do for plays?"

FINANCIAL ENTERPRISE.

"Fitz-Cooper is a close-fisted landlord."

"Close-fisted? If he owned a haunted house he would get a spiritual medium to collect the rent from the ghost."



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"WHO'S SHY?"

Why women don't understand poker terms.

THE AVERAGE mother thinks her baby so wonderful that she would n't be surprised if parties were to apply for the veriscope privileges.



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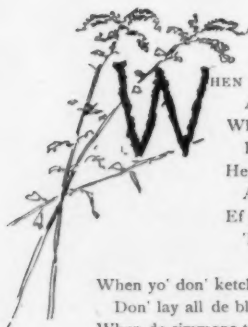


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A TYPE.

"Is n't she one of those strong-minded women?"
"Yes; that is her principal weakness."

A HOODOO-NIGGEH AROUN'.



WHEN yo' feel too weak fo' to hol' up yo' head,
An' yo' feet jes' drag on de groun';
When yo' don' care much if yo' 's 'live or dead,
Dah 's a hoodoo-niggeh aroun'.
He 's conjuhd yo' jes as sho' 's yo' 's bo'n,
An' lak as not yo' 'll die
Ef yo' don' hang a snake-skin up in de mo'n
'Fore de hoodoo man go by!

When yo' don' ketch a 'possum fo' weeks an' weeks
Don' lay all de blame on de houn'!
When de simmons tu'n black on de rivahs an' creeks,
Dah 's a hoodoo-niggeh aroun'.
So yo' got to fin' a grave-yahd rabbit's foot,
An' a lef' hind one, bime-by;
Des put lamb's wool in de sole ol' yo' boot
'Fore de hoodoo man go by!

An' 'en, aftah while, ef yo' charms don' work,
Get yo' bran-new rahzah groun'
An' hunt up de place whah de rascal lurk,
Dat hoodoo-niggeh 'at 's 'roun'!
Des make a pass at de hoodoo's froat,
An' de white men, one t'ing sho',
Cain't count nex' Fall on dat niggeh's vote,
Fo' he won't go by no mo'!

Roy Farrell Greene.

AT THE CONGRESSIONAL FUNERAL.

THE MOURNER FROM MICHIGAN.—Poor old Bluegrass! I'm sorry he 's gone.

THE MOURNER FROM MISSISSIPPI.—Yes; he 'd have enjoyed this whiskey as much as any of us.

OUR WIVES have their own troubles. Think how they must feel when they bring in, for our inspection, a new hat, for which they have planned for weeks, and we exclaim: "Is that a new hat?"



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THE DIFFERENCE.

SAMMY ABRAHAMS (*thoughtfully*).—Fader, vas dere any difference vedder a man *fails* undt makes five tausandt tollars, or vedder he sells his goots at a *profit* undt makes five tausandt tollars dot vay?

MR. ABRAHAMS.—Oh, yes! vun vas peezness undt de odder vas vork.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

SOME MILITARY MATTERS.

WE STAY-AT-HOMES have really no sense of the trying dilemmas that must be faced by an army man in the field. Take the case of General Shafter in the Santiago campaign. His position was difficult and a better man than he might have made the sad mistake he made. The time came when he had quickly to decide between directing the campaign himself and turning it over to the newspaper reporters under Mr. Richard Harding Davis. Decision was not easy. If he decided, in the end, to run things himself we must not be too severe upon him. It was an error of the head and not of the heart. The fact is that hardly any one at that time, aside from Mr. Davis, knew what a competent military commander Mr. Davis is, and what superb tacticians his fellow reporters are. General Shafter, let us remember, then, was the victim of ignorance that was well-nigh universal. Possibly he reflected that he had given something like two score of years to the study in hand, and that he had been admitted to be proficient in it a very long time before Mr. Davis began to muss up the English language. At any rate, we are bound to believe that he thought the matter carefully over and came to the honest conclusion that he was a better General than Mr. Davis or any of the other young men who were writing compositions about war; and if we place a man where he must meet responsibility of this sort we should abide by his choice. So, let us make the best of it. We may condemn the General for failing to place himself under Mr. Davis's guidance, but there is an irritating effectiveness about the measures which he took of his own initiative which forbids any official rebuke. Obtuse though he may have been, the scandalous fact is that he directed and brought to a successful conclusion the most remarkable campaign in history; and, incredible though it may seem, our friends abroad who have had more experience with armies and war than we have, are firm in the opinion that he did magnificently. It is not improbable that General Shafter will receive credit for what he did long after Mr. Davis has ceased to receive credit for what Mr. Davis might have done.

THE VOTER'S MIND.

WE OFTEN wonder if the average voter is as stupid as party leaders, orators and writers in general would have us think he is. Surely they must have detected something in his mental processes that leads them to think they can befuddle him in the simplest matters. Here we have a campaign by States in which State interests are clearly the chief concern; but the Republican leaders, from the head of the administration down, warn the voter that his vote will be taken to mean that he approves or disapproves of the late war. Consider a voter in Nebraska, for illustration. He is an honest believer in the cause of free silver, yet he was in favor of the war, believes that Secretary Alger made an ideal official and favors expansion. When the President tells him that if he votes for a Free Silver Congressman it will be taken to mean that he was against the war, against Secretary Alger and against expansion, will he not feel that his common sense is being outraged? There being no place upon his ballot where he can record his opinions of these extraneous matters, he will be apt to say of any one who arbitrarily infers his views upon them, from his vote upon an entirely different matter, that he is a fool. And what about the Republican who did not want war and who may believe it was poorly managed when it came? Must he, to be conscientious, vote the Democratic ticket? If the Republican leaders say that Democrats in New York who approve the war policy of the administration should vote for Col. Roosevelt, would they advise Republicans who disapprove of that policy to vote for Judge Van Wyck? And if not, why not? Can not a man want honestly administered affairs in his own State and hold either of two opinions about the policy of expansion? We do not believe the average voter is any such child of unreason as these leaders would have us believe. And we predict that in more than one State, after election day they will take back a great deal of what they have said about him.

TROUBLES ABROAD.

EVENTS ABROAD are grouping and combining in a way to suggest that some pretty active times are just around the corner. That old European war-cloud of which we have heard so much hovers now over this nation, now over that, and, again, impartially over them all. Where it may be a year from now no man can do more than guess. It is a time when rulers are wondering anxiously if their crowns are on straight, and are in fear of some strange force that pulses through their people and makes them uncertain properties to handle. It seems to be one of those times when the world shows that it does move. We are amused by the belief of a Chinaman, that the earth is supported in space through the combined efforts of a turtle and a stork, but the political world's belief about its own position is hardly less grotesque. It does not believe that it moves, and that there is a Purpose back of it. France does n't believe it, nor China; the Sultan of Turkey does n't believe it; and, though the Emperor of Germany concedes that the world moves, he believes that *he* is the Purpose back of it. But some day, as history shows, these unbeliefs get shaken out of nations. Spain, in this respect, holds a better position just now than the most of her sister countries. She has just learned that the world moves, and that one must pay a heavy penalty for not keeping up with the procession. Fortunately she has plenty of vitality left and there is no reason why she should not profit by her very important discovery. It looks as if some of her neighbors would be forced to make the same discovery before the century goes out.

IN CONFIDENCE.

FRIEND.—Some men are remarkably ungrateful after you have had them elected.

THE BOSS.—Yes;—the moment some men are elected they begin to think they did it themselves.

A TASK FOR HERCULES.

"Some folks must think no job is too big for Dewey."

"What is he expected to do now?"

"Why, a temperance organization has asked him to keep beer out of Manila."

ALL IS not gold that they find in the Klondike.

THE EMPRESS Dowager of China may never have heard that when a woman will she will; but those are her sentiments.



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HOW IT LOOKED.

CITIZEN.—Well, here is a nickel; but don't spend it for drink; go and get a meal with it!

BEGGAR.—Tanks General!

CITIZEN.—Why do you call me General?

BEGGAR.—Why! I reckon you must have bin a General of Commissariat in de late war!



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OF THE CENTURY IS REGARDED ABROAD, AND HOW SOME OF US TREAT HIM AT HOME.



UNLIMITED.

BRIGGS (at the Country Golf Club).—What do you call it when you drive at a ball and miss it?
GRIFFS.—That depends on how many languages you speak.

THEORY V'S. PRACTICE.

"It seems to me," said the bachelor, "that I would let the child's inclinations determine what he should eat. Let Nature guide him."
"Humph!" said the child's father; "if we did that, his bill-of-fare would include matches and shoe-blackening."

NOT RESPONSIBLE.

"I see by the dictionary," said the foreigner who was struggling with the English language, "that 'unbend' means to 'relax,' and 'unbending' means 'unyielding.'"
"Don't blame me!" replied his American friend, cheerfully; "I did n't write the dictionary."

A SHORT FALL.

MRS. CHURCH.—I hardly ever see Tom Backslid at church any more;—he must be falling from grace.
MR. CHURCH.—Well, he won't land with much of a thump.
THE APPAREL oft proclaims the man to be what he is not.

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Helping a Hero's Widow.

GEORGE H. ELLIS, Chief Yeoman of the Brooklyn, the only man killed in the great naval action off Santiago on July 3, which resulted in the destruction of Cervera's entire fleet and the capture of the Admiral, officers and men, was insured in The Prudential—had been for ten years. When fifteen years of age a small policy was issued to his parents on the boy's life, and later a second policy. The aggregate of the two policies—over \$350—was promptly paid to the young widow, Mrs. Sarah M. Ellis, who resides at 819 Dean street, Brooklyn. She is left with an infant seven months old. The crew of the Brooklyn have raised a fund of about \$1,000 for Mrs. Ellis, so that with the pension she will receive from the Government, she and her little one are secured against pecuniary distress. Yeoman Ellis was twenty-five years of age. The office of Yeoman is an important one. The Yeoman has charge of all the ship's stores, such as rigging, armament, ammunition, paint, oil, canvas, everything, literally, from a needle to an anchor—that is, everything outside of the food, clothing, cash and medical stores. He keeps account of everything on board the ship in the way of ship supplies, and issues nothing to any one on board, not even a broom or a marline spike, without an order from the executive officer. He heads the list of first-class petty officers and ranks with a Sergeant Major in the army.

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Mohammed on True Charity.

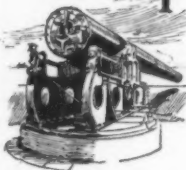
EVERY GOOD act is charity: Your smiling in your brother's face; your putting a wanderer in the right road; your giving water to the thirsty, is charity; exhortation to another to do right is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good he has done in this world to his fellow-men. When he dies people will ask, What property has he left behind? But the angels will ask, What good deeds has he sent before him? —From a Sermon by Mohammed.

Age of "Old Glory."

"Old Glory" is older than the present flag of Great Britain, which was established in 1801; than the flag of Spain, which was established in 1785; than the French tricolor, decreed in 1794; than the flag of Portugal, established in 1830; than the Italian tricolor, established in 1848; than the flags of the old Empires of China and Japan, and of the Empire of Germany, which represents the sovereignty of fourteen distinct States, established in 1870.

The Largest in the World.

THE new 126-ton gun, intended to be placed on Romer Shoal, just north of Sandy Hook, New York, and now receiving its finishing touches at Watervliet arsenal, is the largest cannon in the world, six tons heavier and five feet longer than the



Her Papa.

My papa 's all dressed up to-day;
He never looked so fine;
I thought when I first looked at him,
My papa was n't mine.

He's got a beautiful new suit—
The old one was so old—
It's blue, with buttons, O, so bright,
I guess they must be gold.

And papa 's sort o' glad and sort
O' sad—I wonder why?
And every time she looks at him
It makes my mamma cry.

Who's Uncle Sam? My papa says
That he belongs to him;
But papa 's joking, 'cause he knows
My uncle's name is Jim.

My papa just belongs to me
And mamma. And I guess
The folks are blind who cannot see
His buttons, marked U. S.

U. S. spells us. He 's ours—and yet
My mamma can't help cry.
And papa tries to smile at me
And can't—I wonder why?

—Mary Norton Bradford in Insurance Critic.

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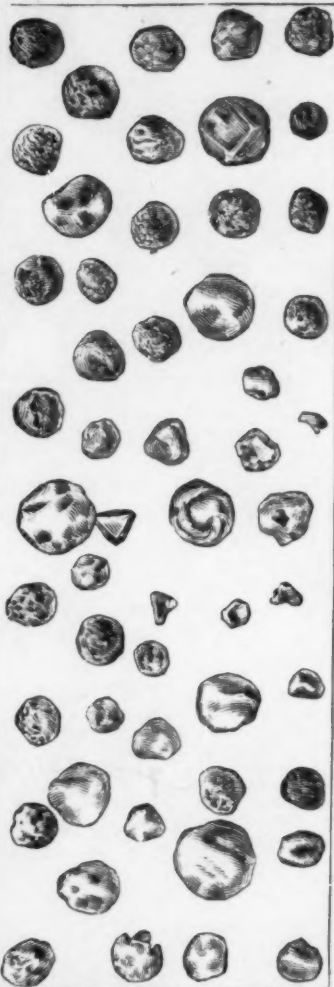
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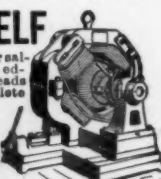
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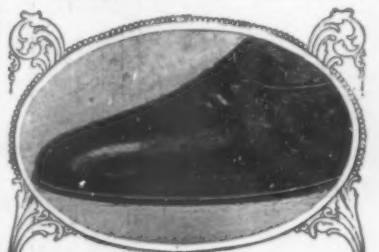
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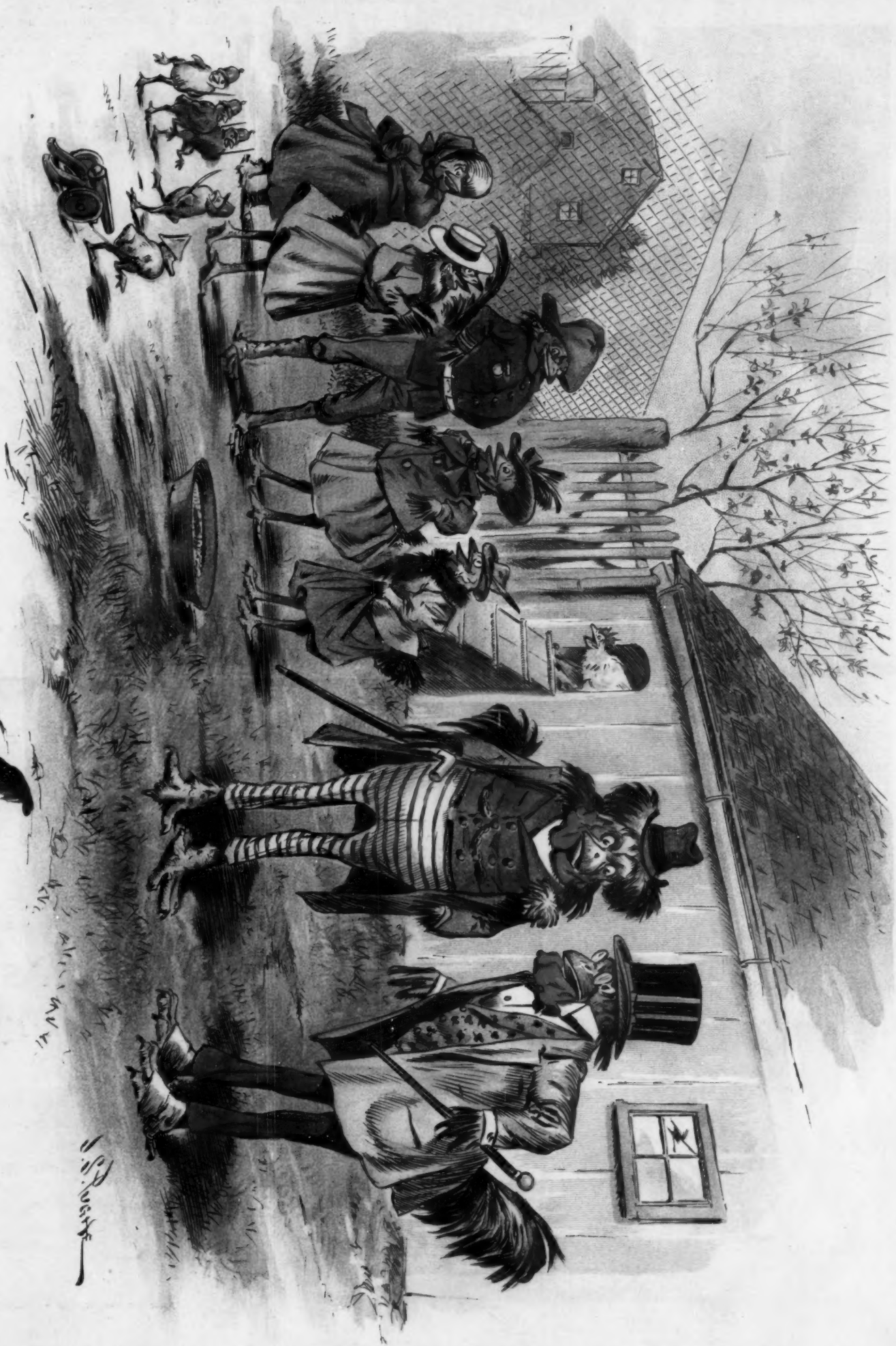
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